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NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP and HAMBURG.	"KLEIST" Capt. Rud Meyer	WEDNESDAY, 24th March, Noon.
MANILA, YAP, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MEL.	"PRINZ WALDEMAR" Capt. Isaki	THURSDAY, 25th March, 5 P.M.
BOURNE		
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, and YOKOHAMA.	"GOEBEN" Capt. B. Wilhelm	About THURSDAY, 25th March.
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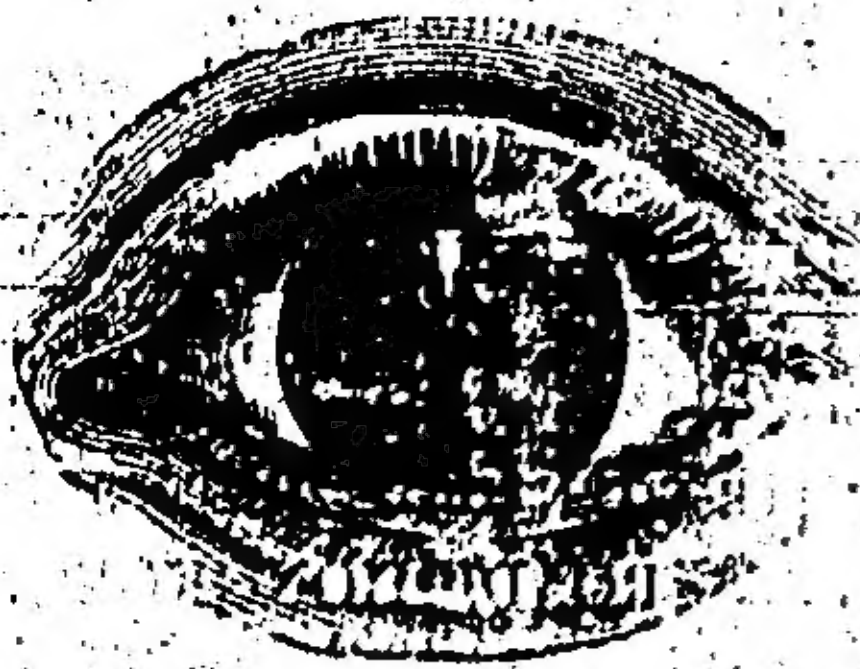
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ASIATICS IN AMERICA.

CHINESE JEALOUSY OF JAPANESE.

San Francisco, 16th Feb. The Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, better known as the Chinese Six Companies, representing the whole Chinese population of the United States, has forwarded a telegraphic communication to President Roosevelt, calling attention to the instances in which the Executive Department has sought for Japanese residents in California many rights and privileges denied to the Chinese.

The Association makes charges of unjust discrimination in favour of Japanese aliens and against Chinese citizens, and residents of the privileged classes in the United States, and it declares that the Immigration Inspector subject the Chinese to arrest, searches, confiscation, and deportation.

After remarking, "It is a well-known fact that under your administration the Immigration Inspectors treat the Chinese en route to the East from San Francisco as if they were escaping criminals," the Association requests President Roosevelt to protest strongly against the California school laws, subjecting Chinese children to exceptional treatment and to assist the Association in taking those laws into court in order to obtain a decision as to whether they are constitutional or not.

The President is also asked to remedy other evils.—Reuter.

MONEY MARKET.

INTEREST CENTRED ON DEMAND FROM CHINA.

Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Co. report from London, as follows, on February 11:—

With the exception of a small amount required for India, the Bank of England obtained the whole of the arrivals of bar gold this week (amounting to £600,000) at the minimum price of 77s. 9d.

It is of interest that while in 1907 the United States of America imported £17,500,000 more gold than they exported, in 1908 the imports were £6,000,000, less than the exports.

The following amounts were received by the Bank of England during the week:—

February 4 and 5, £112,000, and £155,000 in bar gold, February 6, £151,000 in German gold coin, £163,000 in bar gold, £300,000 in sovereigns from Berlin, £100,000 in sovereigns from Egypt, February 9 and 10, £131,000 and £205,000 in bar gold.

On February 4, £255,000 in sovereigns were withdrawn for South America, and £9,000 for San Paulo—making a total influx of £1,079,000.

SILVER.

At the present time the interest of the market is centred on China. Recent upward improvement have owed much to demand from that quarter, whilst the large stock of Sycee in Shanghai and the 'bull' position in London, at any rate so far as a part is concerned, is a factor in the market.

The market is off colour. The demand for Bombay for the 19th instant; the stock in that city consists of about 6,300 bars, and the trade conditions continue indifferent, so that shipment by next week's steamer can hardly be a matter of urgency. Moreover, demand in India is often influenced by sentiment, though controlled by business instinct, and just now, the feeling of the dealers is to refrain from dealing.

The London stock is on the increase, but is not, as yet, unwieldy—especially in view of easy money; still, there is not the same inducement to board, as when silver stood two pence lower.

The payment of Old Age pensions is made necessary in silver, and local Post Offices are now compelled to keep themselves equipped with a larger stock of small change. By so doing, silver coin is diverted into new channels, and for a time at least, some increase of coin may be required, and the Mint coin more than would be otherwise wanted.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

Although the Eastern position in regard to silver is, as a whole, by far the most important, an expansion of trade in Europe and America would act appreciably on the demand for trade, and at a later period, for coinage purposes. Any indication, therefore, of reviving prosperity—which some even now profess to trace is not without interest in reviewing the situation.

The relation between the silver exports and imports of the United States of America for 1907 and 1908 are worth noting.

In 1908 the exports exceeded imports by \$9,500,000 compared with an excess of \$15,700,000 in 1907; allowing for the fall in value, the difference is, not \$6,000,000, but \$3,000,000 less than 1907. Analyzing the figures still further, we find that the imports fell off about \$4,000,000, and the exports \$16,000,000, showing that, reckoning the fall in value, the output of the United States in 1908 was appreciably reduced by about 6,000,000 ounces.

This difference of \$9,500,000 between exports and imports in 1908, is the lowest since 1899, when U.S.A. legislation had failed to maintain silver prices, and the closure of the Indian Mints, which actually took place in the succeeding year, became inevitable.

Now that the tension caused by repeated 'bear' covering is almost over, the cash and two months quotations came together yesterday for the first time since December 29 last year.

On the 23rd ultimo a shipment of 100,000 ounces was made from San Francisco to the East.

The quotation to-day for cash, 25s. 4d. is 1d. below, and that for two months, 25s. 4d. is the same as the price fixed a week ago.

QUOTATIONS.
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WEATHER FORECAST AND STORM WARNINGS ISSUED FROM THE HONGKONG OBSERVATORY.

METEOROLOGICAL SIGNALS.

Meteorological signals are hoisted on the mast in front of the Water Police Station at Tsim Sha, Teul for the information of masters of vessels leaving the port. They do not necessarily imply that bad weather is expected here.

Signal No.

1. A CONE point upwards indicates a Typhoon to the North of the Colony.

2. A CONE point upwards and DRUM below indicates a Typhoon to the North-East of the Colony.

3. A DRUM indicates a Typhoon to the East of the Colony.

4. A CONE point downwards and DRUM below indicates a Typhoon to the South-East of the Colony.

5. A CONE point downwards indicates a Typhoon to the South of the Colony.

6. A CONE point downwards and BALL below indicates a Typhoon to the South-West of the Colony.

7. A BALL indicates a Typhoon to the West of the Colony.

8. A CONE point upwards and BALL below indicates a Typhoon to the North-West of the Colony.

Red Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony.

Black Signal indicate that the centre is believed to be less than 300 miles away from the Colony.

These signals are repeated at the Harbour Office, H.M.S. Tamar, Green Island Signal Mast, and the Flagstaff on the premises of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company at Kowloon.

URGENT SIGNAL.

In addition to the above, when it is expected that the wind may increase to full typhoon force at any moment, the following Urgent Signal will be made at the Water Police Station, and repeated at the Harbour Office:—

THREE EXPLOSIVE BOMBS, AT INTERVALS OF TEN SECONDS.

A Black Cross will be hoisted at the same time, superior to the other shapes.

NIGHT SIGNALS.

The following Night Signals will be exhibited from the Flagstaff on the roof of the Water Police Station at Kowloon, the Harbour Office Flagstaff, and H.M.S. Tamar.

I. Three Lights Vertical, Green Green Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated more than 300 miles from the Colony.

II. Three Lights Vertical, Green Red Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated less than 300 miles from the Colony.

III. Three Lights Vertical, Red Green Red, indicates that the wind may be expected to increase to full typhoon force at any moment.

No. III. Signal will be accompanied by the Explosive Bombs, as above, in the event of the information conveyed by this signal being first published by night.

These Night Signals will be substituted for the Day Signals at sunset, and will, when necessary, be altered during the night.

SUPPLEMENTARY WARNINGS.

For the benefit of Native Craft and passing Ocean Vessels, a Cone will be exhibited at each of the following stations during the time that any of the above Day Signals are hoisted in the Harbour.

Gap Rock Aberdeen.

Waglan San Ki Wan.

Stanley Sai Kung.

Cape Collinson Sha Tan Kol.

Tai Po.

This will indicate that there is a depression somewhere in the China Sea, and that a Storm Warning is hoisted in the Harbour.

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F. G. FROD.

17th March, 1909.

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BIRTH.

On March 10, 1909, at Kashing, to Rev. and Mrs. J. Mercer Blain, a daughter (ELIZABETH GRIER).

DEATH.

On January 30, 1909, at Nelson, New Zealand, after much suffering, JAMES KIRK, aged 70 years, late of Shanghai.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1909.

OPIMUM REVENUES.

The Straits Times has the following leading article—If the consumption of opium is dying out spontaneously there is no reason whatever why we should interfere with a system of administration which is producing that, morally, most gratifying result. If, on the other hand, the reduction in the amount of profit on opium sales is due wholly or mainly to exceptional pressure brought to bear by the Government of the Colony to ensure the strict enforcement of laws which were long in abeyance, then the grievance of the Opium Farmers, who were not specifically warned of the impending outbreak of virtue, has some foundation. That they are not blotted plotters who are wallowing in unholily profits seems to be very frankly acknowledged by Mr. W. D. Barnes, who recalls the fact that in the years 1904-5 and 6 the Penang farmers lost 80 per cent, and the Singapore farmers 40 per cent, of their capital, while a few weeks ago the Singapore group were vainly endeavouring to procure bank accommodation to help them over the

LOCAL AND GENERAL

CHAN COO CHING, a coolie, was fined \$25 for boarding the steamship *Zothlan* without obtaining the master's permission.

The Ministry of the Interior has organized seven detective corps, to be divided as follows: political, law, police, army, water, day and frontier service.

JOHNSON, the coloured champion, has expressed his willingness to fight Jeffries, and is expected that the latter will agree to fight in the United States.

PRESIDENT Taft's first Message to Congress will be devoted exclusively to the question of tariff revision. It is probable that they will be a desperate fight in Congress on the subject.

SAMUEL ROEBUCK, a wire manufacturer of Brooklyn (New York), has left \$500,000 to his daughter, Elizabeth Bird, the wife of a mail baker at Northampton. Roebuck died at the age of fifty years ago.

M. KOKOVITOFF, Russian Minister of Finance, has issued instructions that, even articles imported before the close of the Russian free ports will be taxed unless they have been imported in conformity with the specified procedure.

THE *Umegaka Maru*, the second ship of the Japanese Volunteer Fleet, will be launched on March 25 at the Mitsui Bishi Shipbuilding Yard in Nagasaki. Subsequently the third steamer will be begun at the same yard; its name has not yet been decided upon.

An attempt is to be made to raise the wrecked steamer *Djambi* at Tanjong Pagar. A few days' time. Lights have been floated on the side nearest the wharf. These lights are to be strengthened with baulks of timber preparatory to "sinking" the sunken vessel.

A CHINAMAN, found in the kitchen of an Inspector of Police, said he was looking for empty bottles, but had to pay \$10 to the Police Court, says a Selangor contemporary. Did the fellow mean to insinuate that it was hopeless to look for full ones in a policeman's pantry?

The Portuguese cruiser *Vasco da Gama*, which ran ashore near St. John's Island a week or so ago and was re-floated, has been put in dry dock at Tanjong Pagar. On inspection it appears that the damage done by grounding on the reef is only slight—from outward appearance, only a few scratches. St. Michel, France, and at the end of the trial two questions were put to the jury—"Did the prisoner murder his wife?" and "Did he premeditate the crime?" The jury replied "No" to the first question; and "Yes" to the second, and the prisoner was acquitted.

A BILL has been introduced into the Japan Diet for amending the existing Press Law. The amendments provide for the abolition of minor offences of which newspapers may now be guilty, especially the offence of publishing matter relative to criminal cases undergoing preliminary examination.

At the recent commercial examination held in Kuala Lumpur the candidates were asked among other things to answer the following question: "What is a crossed cheque?" We have it on unimpeachable authority that among the answers submitted was the following: "A crossed cheque has no value." Surely the *Malay Mail* (from which we culled the foregoing) knows that the answer may be correct—sometimes.

A LONDON despatch, of 16th ult., says:—Three hundred people were burnt to death in the Flores Theatre, Acapulco, Mexico. The telegraph office was also burnt. The disaster occurred during a gala performance in honour of the Governor. The building was a wooden structure, and had only three exits. The audience numbered a thousand, and included the oldest and wealthiest families of the city. A cinematograph film caught fire, and a terrible panic followed. The victims were incinerated.

THE Earl of Crawford has just completed the sale of his side ship-rigged yacht *Valkalla*, an auxiliary of nearly 1,500 tons. The vessel has been purchased by a firm of American ship-brokers, Messrs. Cox and Stevens, and it is understood that her ultimate destination will be as a training ship for mercantile cadets. Since the yacht came into his possession, Lord Crawford has visited almost every part of the world in her, and in 1905 the *Valkalla* took part in the ocean race for the German Emperor's Cup from Sandy Hook to the Lizard, finishing a good third.

A GENTLEMAN who passed through the other day from Hongkong related as a bowler recently perpetrated at an eminent educational institution at Hongkong, the following reply to a query in an exam on general knowledge, not omitting some acquaintance with the characters in classical literature:—(Q)—"What do you know of Charon?" (A)—"He's a friend of mine." The gentleman who conveyed the dead to Hades across the Styx stream of the Styx would be amused at this definition of his métier. But all the same we (Singapore Free Press) fancy that this is an ancient University question that has lost its way, and rediscovered itself at Hongkong.

DURING last year the London Fire Brigade answered 5,186 calls, the highest number received in one day being thirty-seven, on Christmas Day.

FOR special notice in the columns of the *Telegraph*, a large number of sportsmen in Hongkong.

THE Prince Regent proposes to appoint once more some Imperial kinsmen as High Commissioners to proceed abroad to study Constitutional Government in the autumn.

THE Committee of the Japanese House of Representatives appointed to consider a memorial for the establishment of a Commercial University has reported in favour of the proposal.

MESSRS. Shaw, Tomes and Company, agents for the Yangtze Insurance Association, have received a telegram stating that the directors will recommend at the next general meeting a dividend of 25%.

NEARLY all people know the world-wide ramifications of Messrs. R. G. Dunn & Co., which have newly issued an illustrated guide to New York. The views are magnificent both in conception and design, and the local representative, the China Express Co., has every reason to be proud of its superiors.

THE *New York World* offers a prize of \$2,000 to any aeronaut who will sail an airship or aeroplane from New York City to Albany, a distance of 142 miles, during the celebrations in September and October in honour of Robert Fulton. The House of Representatives has passed a vote appropriating \$100,000 for balloon experiments by the Signal Corps.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

Schmidt & Co.	\$ 25
J. Wheeler	10
T. Funatsu	10
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THE N. Y. K. Australian Liner *Nikko Maru* which arrived here this morning reports that on the eve of leaving Nagasaki a female child was born on board to Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Hughson, passengers, destined to Singapore, and the child was fittingly named Elizabeth Nikko Hughson. Both mother and child are doing well, and the vessel is expected to be in Hongkong in token of her first start in this world on board the *Nikko Maru* under the happiest auspices.

CANTON DAY BY DAY.

CHINESE ENVOY'S MISFORTUNE.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 16th March.

It was at first the intention of H. E. Ko Yu Him, the Special Envoy appointed by the Imperial Government to conduct negotiations for the delimitation of Macao, to proceed to Canton on the 13th instant from Hongkong where he arrived on the preceding day. But on learning the news of the lamentable death of his brother at Shanghai, H. E. Ko, on his arrival at Hongkong, at once wrote to Peking to apply for ten days' leave and left for Shanghai, without coming to this port. H. E. Ko is expected to come down South again about the beginning of the 2nd intercalary moon. Tantai Ng Kwong Kin, who went to Hongkong to meet the Envoy, returned to Canton yesterday.

DELIMITATION OF MACAO.

The Cantonese residing at Hankow yesterday sent a telegram to the Canton Self-Government Society asking about particulars of the delimitation of Macao, and in the message they expressed their willingness to render whatever possible services that may be required of them in co-operation with the Government.

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

About the end of last year, owing to the difficulty in settling the differences in opinion among the shareholders, Sir Chen Tung Liang Cheng, President of the Canton-Hankow Railway Company, forwarded a despatch to the Ministry of Posts and Communications to resign his post, but he was refused. Owing to the appointment of Tantai Wong Pook Yun as Director-General of the Railway, matters have again become far from satisfactory with regard to the working of the Company, in view of the agitation of the shareholders that the undertaking should be reverted to official control. Sir Chen Tung Liang Cheng has submitted telegraphic petitions to H. E. Chang Chih Tung and the Ministry of Posts and Communications tendering his resignation, at the same time requesting H. E. Vicaroy Chang Jen Chun to help him in the matter.

H. H. WEN TSUNG-YAO.

According to the *Shanghai Times*, the Assistant Amban of Tibet, H. H. Wen Tsung-yao, has wired to the Grand Council that he has arrived at his destination and taken up his post in Chamdo and that he is at present making inquiries into the local conditions and will memorialize the Throne on the necessary reforms when they are completed.

CORRESPONDENCE

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

HONGKONG

letter by "Fair Sport" which appeared in the columns of your valuable paper, and must say that his out-spoken criticisms are endorsed by a large number of sportsmen in Hongkong.

I conscientiously believe that rowers should be placed on even terms, thus giving all an equal chance of scoring a victory. Moreover, in fairness to them, a good opportunity will be afforded spectators of witnessing a competition of prowess when all things are equal.

At one of the meetings of the Hongkong Regatta Committee held recently, it was proposed and carried by a majority of 7 to 1, so I believe, that all four-oared events at the forthcoming Regatta be competed in the same class of boats. The decision was received with much interest by all broad-minded sportsmen and endorsed by them as affording the one opportunity for competition upon terms of equality.

The decision which called forth such favourable comments was reversed at a subsequent meeting when some of the members of the Committee were not present. It looks as if the later decision, which overrules the popular original finding, is to hold good.

With your permission, I would like to ask the sporting public to judge for themselves if it is fair-play to accord the chance to one class rowing on a far superior boat when such a boat is only owned by one rowing club in the Colony and available to its members only, thus practically penalising the members of the other clubs?

An inferior and much heavier boat, all of the same design, is owned by all the three other clubs. As the majority of the Clubs own the heavier boats, why not compete in them as at first decided?

It should be a governing principle in sport as in business that the majority should receive the maximum consideration. In other words, the greatest good to the maximum number.

I have myself entered a crew for the Junior Four-oar—the understanding that competitors would all be placed on even terms, but had reluctantly to withdraw upon the second decision of the Hongkong Regatta Committee being unofficially announced.

Let the purport of my letter be misunderstood by the officials of the rowing clubs concerned, allow me to add that I was prompted to approach you for the hospitality of your columns, in the most friendly spirit to the organising body of the Regatta, with the view of securing the success which the meeting undoubtedly deserves but would unquestionably fail to obtain were an unpopular decision allowed to hold good at the expense of enthusiasm waning in the sporting event which should be looked forward to with considerable interest.

J. A. SELAVISA ALVES.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1909.

SHANGHAI AND HONGKOW WHARF CO., LTD.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

DEAR SIR,—A few remarks on the balance sheet of the above Company, for 1907 and 1908, may be of interest to your many readers, especially those who have invested their money in the Company or who contemplate doing so.

The statement of accounts for 1907—Profit and Loss—gives the balance at credit as Tls. 729,898.88, and the Balance Sheet below states that additions to property during the year cost Tls. 456,194.25. Tls. 29,690.00 was received by the issue of new shares and debentures, leaving Tls. 426,504.25 which, it is presumed, formed part of the year's profit; if this is so then the net income for that year amounted to Tls. 1,156,493.14. Tls. 45,172.27 were placed to credit of Repairs A/c against an expenditure of Tls. 70,372.27, so the Reserve Fund for Repairs was depleted by Tls. 25,000.00. The accounts receivable amounted to Tls. 228,085.95, but of this Tls. 93,651.52 was owing to J. M. & Co. and others, which left a balance of Tls. 130,315.43 to pay the Final Dividend of Tls. 9 per share on Tls. 324,000.00 which was eventually managed by borrowing from the General Agents.

The statement of accounts for 1908—Profit and Loss—gives the balance at credit as Tls. 395,994.19, and the Balance Sheet below states that additions to property during the year cost Tls. 85,762.57. Tls. 20,503 were received by the issue of debentures, leaving Tls. 54,262.57 which, it is presumed, formed part of the year's profit; if this is so, and it can hardly be otherwise, then the net income for that year amounted to Tls. 450,256.76.

Tls. 13,775.61 is to be placed to credit of Repairs Account against an expenditure of Tls. 38,775.60 so the Reserve Fund for Repairs is again depleted by another Tls. 25,000.00. The accounts receivable amounts to Tls. 156,885.17, but the amount payable to J. M. & Co. and others is Tls. 216,794.1. Therefore on the 31st Dec., the Company was practically in debt to the tune of Tls. 59,293.36, notwithstanding this fact, it is recommended that a Final Dividend of Tls. 6 per share, absorbing Tls. 216,000, be declared at the forthcoming meeting or to commence the present year by a debt of Tls. 275,993.50—a remarkable and deplorable state of affairs.

The statement of accounts for the two years under review does not record that any amount whatsoever has been written off for depreciation, whereas the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company did it imperatively to write off for depreciation a considerable sum every year even when involving a total sacrifice of dividend. In 1907 the Yangtze Wharf and Godown Company also wrote off 12% of the Buildings and 10% of the value of steam launch.

trade, but everything cannot be put down to the fact that the principal fall-off is due to the fact that large importers have found it considerably to their advantage to build godowns for themselves. The Company is entirely to blame for this.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

A SHAREHOLDER.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1909.

[Enclosure.]

Report of the directors for the year ended 31st December, 1908, to be submitted at the annual meeting, to be held at the office of the general agents on Monday, the 22nd day of March, 1909, at 3 p.m.

The directors beg to submit to the shareholders the statement of accounts for 1908. During the year 6% debentures to the amount of Tls. 20,500 have been issued, the company's total liability for debentures at 31st December, 1908, standing at Tls. 839,100.

After payment of an interim dividend of Tls. 4 per share on 8th August last, the balance at credit of profit and loss account amounts to Tls. 251,994.19, out of which it is proposed to pay a final dividend of Tls. 6 per share, thus absorbing Tls. 216,000, to place Tls. 13,775.61 to credit of repair account, and to carry forward Tls. 2,818.59.

The present directors and auditors offer themselves for re-election.

Shanghai, 6th March, 1909.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1908.

Dec. 31st, 1908.

Dr.	Tls. cts.
To Interest on debentures	49,015.83
To Interest on current account	10,708.88
To Fees to trustees to debenture holders	300.00
To Legal fees and sundry	2,432.31
To Balance	395,994.19
	Tails 458,450.61

By Balance brought forward

By Balance brought forward

Final Dividend for 1907 (Tls. 9 per share), Tls. 324,000.00

Transfer to reserve for repairs Tls. 45,272.27

Transfer to equalisation of dividend a/c

Tls. 50,000.00 416,712.27

By balance of work a/c for 1908

By dividend on shares in Shanghai Mutual Telephone Co., Ltd.

By Transfer fees

Tails 458,450.61

BALANCE SHEET, 31ST DECEMBER, 1908.

To Capital—

36,000 shares at Tls. 100

Debitures—

Suspense account

Accounts payable

Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

Reserve for repairs account

Less repairs during year

Equalisation of dividends account

Reserve fund

Balance of profit and loss account

Less interim dividends of Tls. 4 per share

Tails 577,782.79

Shanghai, 31st December, 1908.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Agents

We certify that all our requirements have been complied with, and we further certify that we have examined the above Accounts and Balance Sheet, and in our opinion the Balance Sheet is a full and fair Balance Sheet, and properly drawn up as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs as shown by the books of the Company.

GEO. R. WINGROVE & CO., Auditors.

OPIMUM MONOPOLY.

After repeated consultation with the President of the Board of Finance, Prince Tai, and H. E. Liang Tung-yao, Prince Kung has decided to establish a Government monopoly for the sale of opium next year. It has also been decided to reduce the sale gradually to prohibit the cultivation of the poppy in the year of Hsiao Tung, and to prohibit the importation of foreign opium at the same time previously fixed (1913). The British Minister is said to have approved of this arrangement.

—Shanghai Times.

Telegrams.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

A NEW PORT.

PROPOSED OPENING OF HOI-CHOW.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po"]

Peking, 16th March.

It is proposed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to open, at an early date, the port of Hoi-chow, in Chekiang province, as a commercial port, in order to forestal the covetous designs of certain foreign Powers.

CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT.

PLANS FOR A PARLIAMENT BUILDING.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po"]

Peking, 16th March.

Funds for the establishment of a Deliberative Council having been provided a telegram was yesterday de-patched to Lord Li Ching-long, in London, by the Grand Council asking him to obtain and forward a copy of the plans of the House of Parliament.

NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA.

ACCEPTANCE OF NOTE ISSUE.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po"]

Peking, 16th March.

Instructions have been issued by the Ministry of Finance to all the Provinces to accept the notes of the Ta Ching Bank in payment of taxes.

AN EX-GRAND COUN-
CILLOR.KU HUNG-CHI'S REIN-
STATEMENT.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po"]

Peking, 16th March.

The Prince Regent proposes to reinstate ex-Grand Councillor Ku Hung-chi.

The members of the Grand Council express surprise at the Regent's proposal.

NA TUNG.

PROGRESSING FAVOURABLY.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po"]

Peking, 16th March.

Na Tung is making fair progress towards recovery.

FIRES AT HANKOW.

At about midnight on Friday, says the *Hankow Daily News*, fire broke out in one of the upstairs rooms of the Japanese Post Office situated in the French concession. Fanned by a strong wind the fire quickly spread and before any water was obtainable the building and adjacent buildings by a miracle escaped destruction. At 4 a.m. the flames subsided, but not before the building was entirely gutted. All mail matter and official documents were saved, but unfortunately the staff lost their entire effects. The building was insured for Tls. 11,000 and the contents for Tls. 3,000.

Shortly after 4 p.m. on Saturday a blaze started in the go-down adjoining a match factory in the Japanese concession. The go-down, which was packed with 200 cases of matches, burnt intermittently all through the afternoon and evening and when the flames were finally subdued the building was entirely gutted.

SHIPPING AND MAELS

MAILS DUE
English (Dutch) 18th inst., 8 a.m.
Indian (Suez) 19th inst.
Canadian (Empress of Japan) 19th inst.
Indian (Pookang) 23rd inst.
American (Tanya Maru) 24th inst.
German (Godeff) 25th inst.
Indian (Lalrang) 28th inst.

The T. K. K. s.s. *Tanya Maru* left Yokohama 17th inst.

The P. M. S. S. Co. s.s. *Siberia*, which left this port on 16th ult., arrived at San Francisco on 15th inst.

The Imperial German Mail s.s. *Prinz Ludwig*, which left here on 15th inst., at 11 a.m., arrived at Shanghai yesterday, at 6 p.m.

The Java-China-Japan Line s.s. *Yamaguchi* left this port on 16th inst., at 11 a.m., and will be expected here on 23rd inst., at 6 p.m.

The Slave Traffic.

JAPANESE WOMEN FOR HONGKONG.

ATTEMPTED KIDNAPING OF WOMEN.

Some days ago we reported from the *Yokohama Chronicle* the arrest of a gang of men who had been setting a handsome profit by the kidnaping and exporting to Hongkong for immoral purposes of Japanese women. The *Kobe Yuh-shin Nippo* records the arrest in Kobe of another trio—one of whom is a woman—who were seeking to make a fortune by similar disreputable means. It is alleged that a man named Watanabe Kaoru, aged 34, who carries on a woollen goods and general store at 67, Kamatichibana-dori, 2-chome, Kobe, got into touch with an adventuresome named Ito Naka, aged 23, who was staying at the Koba-ten Hotel, 2 Sakaya-machi, 1-chome, kept by Terao Aikichi. Ito is said to have gained a living by questionable means in various parts of the world, principally in Hongkong and Singapore. The two planned, it is alleged, to make some money by kidnaping women to sell abroad. For this purpose they sought the assistance of a boy employed by the hotel, named Matsuda Zenjiro, aged 23, who was supposed to have been concerned in similar transactions in Shanghai and Vladivostok. The three men conspired to induce two waitresses employed at the same hotel, Otsuki Tange, aged 21, and Fujii Sue, aged 18, respectively, to proceed to Hongkong. They were to go to Shanghai as ordinary passengers and thence to be shipped secretly to Hongkong. The plotters approached the girls and informed them that they could improve their position considerably by going to Hongkong and would earn much more money there than they could in Kobe. The girls agreed to this and preparations were made for the journey. It was arranged that they should proceed to Shimomoseki by train on the 13th instant and thence by boat to Shanghai. The little plot was nipped in the bud, however, a day or two later. During the absence of Ito, the female conspirator, a letter arrived addressed to her from Watanabe. Otsuki, one of the girls who were to proceed to Hongkong, saw the letter and out of curiosity opened it. Imagine her horror to learn from its contents that she was to be sold in Hongkong for ¥400 and that Fujii, the other girl, was to fetch the price of ¥350 in the same place. Her surprise was mingled with relief at her narrow escape. Fujii, the other girl, had been removed by the female plotter to a bar known as the Toyokwan, kept by Shibata Miyo at 64, Kitamagashi-dori, 2-chome. The discovery made by Otsuki leaked out, with the result that the trio were arrested, as stated, on the 3rd inst. They were conducted to the Kobe police-station for preliminary examination. A rigid inquiry is being made into the circumstances attending the matter.

IN BANKRUPTCY JURIS-
DICTION.APPLICATION TO RESCIND
RECEIVING ORDER.

The Chief Justice (Sir Francis Piggott) presided in the Supreme Court this morning over an application by Mr. Sydenham Dixon re the Kwong Yat Cheung firm for the rescinding of the Receiving Order; all the creditors having consented.

Mr. Wakeman, Official Receiver, called the attention of the Court to the fact that the debtor had never filed his statement of affairs, and though he was notified to attend the Court, he had not done so, and so had committed contempt of Court twice.

The following discussion then took place:—

Mr. Dixon—The matter was in process of settlement. That is the reason.

Mr. Wakeman—It is practically delving the Court.

Mr. Grist—I appear for a great number of these people for all are not represented by Mr. Dixon—and I have no doubt the debtor would be quite willing to come to Court, but the matter has been in course of settlement ever since it commenced. There are no creditors—every one of the creditors is a partner in the firm, and it is a matter for arrangement.

His Lordship—That does not exempt him.

Mr. Wakeman—He was served with a notice in English and Chinese. It is impossible for me to carry out the duties of Official Receiver unless debtors attend.

His Lordship adjourned it to be heard in chambers.

THE PART-MUTUEL IN JAPAN.

PROPOSED DEMONSTRATION IN
TOKYO.

The Association for the Revival of the Part-mutuel held a meeting on the 8th instant at the office of the Tokyo Horse Race Club and adopted a resolution to hold a demonstration in Hibiya Park on the 15th instant, comprising those interested in horse-races in all parts of the Empire. The programme of the proceedings of the meeting is as follows:—Ten minutes before the time appointed for the opening all will assemble in the park and a chairman and committee will be elected. The chairman will then explain the object of the gathering, and resolutions will be submitted, followed by speeches. The gathering will then march out of the park in procession led by the chairman. The procession will march past the front of the Diet building. Thence it will make its way to Nagata-cho and salute the Suid Bureau and the Official quarters of the Premier; afterwards proceeding to the Imperial Palace by way of the Army General Staff Office. The demonstrators will salute the Imperial Palace and then proceed to Ueno Park, where they will partake of refreshments to be presented by owners of horses and others, after which they will disband.

It is stated that the Metropolitan Police have decided to prohibit the demonstration on the ground that such a meeting is detrimental to public security. *Japan Chronicle*.

A PARSEE'S AFFAIRS.

D. R. CAPTAIN IN THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.

An interesting case was heard in the Bankruptcy Court this morning, when the private business dealings of D. R. Captain, a Parsee merchant, doing business under the style of D. R. Capals & Co., were brought to light. The business before the Court was to consider an application for bankruptcy. Mr. Holbrow (of Messrs. Ewens and Harston) appeared for one of the creditors, while the debtor was represented by Mr. Dixon.

The debtor stated that he was the proprietor of the business (wine and provision) started in 1905. He bought the concern for \$10,000—\$5,000 in cash and \$500 in monthly instalments. At the time of his taking over the business, he had a partner, C. N. Cooper, who bought a "half share" for \$3,000 cash. Questioned by the Court, witness said that he bought the business from a widow, whom he wanted to help. The profits were about \$800 or \$900 a year. Since then, the profits became less and less, owing, witness said, to keen competition. His partner remained with him for about eight months, but when an assisted had embezzled \$3,000, the former denied the partnership. Debtor attributed his bankruptcy to his failure in some silk business, by which he lost \$3,500 and also the \$3,000 embezzlement. Further questioned, witness said that he chiefly dealt in wines and provisions, the latter of which (champagne) he supplied to American girls. Witness denied having lived extravagantly, stating that his monthly expenditure usually amounted to about \$100 a month.

By Mr. Holbrow—With regard to the goods I bought for \$12,000, these have been dealings over previous years. It is not one year only. I have paid many different creditors.

Mr. Dixon—There is about \$8,000 for book debts—goods that have been sold.

Mr. Grist—I submit the debtor should be ordered to file a deficiency account. There were \$15,000 worth of goods, and he says his expenses were only \$100 a month.

Captain—But my expenses in the shops were about \$500 a month.

Mr. Wakeman—The best course would be for the debtor to file a deficiency account.

Mr. Dixon—I wish to apply for the debtor's adjudication. The Official Receiver wishes to sell the business as a going concern, but at the present time he is not in a position to do so. The business is suffering.

Mr. Holbrow—There is no objection to the application.

Mr. Grist—There is certainly no objection. The application was granted.

AMERICAN MIAH-SHIPS.

THREE MONTHS VOYAGE FROM
HAMPTON ROADS.

Two American mine-planters, the *General Henry Knox* and the *General Henry Hunt*, U.S.A. War Department, arrived yesterday afternoon from Colombo and sail for Manila on Monday next, reports the *Straits Times* of 15th inst. They are anchored just off Johnston's Pier, one on each side of the *Six Mew*. Having left Hampton Roads, Virginia, on December 2, they called at Bermuda, Madeira, Gibraltar, Algiers, Malta, Port Said, Bombay and Colombo. The *General Henry Hunt* is to be stationed at Manila for mining the harbour and other sea approaches throughout the Philippine Islands. The *General Henry Knox* is en route to Honolulu, Hawaii.

They are sister ships of a gross tonnage of 447 each, and a speed of about 11 knots and their engines have a horse power of 1,000. Each of them is manned by a crew of thirty-one, including officers. In charge of the *General Henry Knox* is Lieutenant W. E. Shedd of the United States Artillery, while her sailing master is Captain Rasmussen. The *General Henry Hunt* is under the command of Lieutenant Maxwell Murray, also of the Artillery. He is a son of General Murray, commandant of the United States Artillery and an officer who is much esteemed in the States and well known for his efforts in the organisation of the Torpedo and Mine planting section of the service. The sailing master of the *General Henry Hunt* is Capt. Masters. They are low-built and ship considerable quantities of water in a big sea. Four yessels of their type are at present owned by the U.S. Army, the other two having recently been despatched from the East Coast to stations at San Francisco and Seattle, Washington State. Four other boats which will replace them on the East Coast Service are now in course of construction and are expected to be delivered shortly.

TRADE WITH THE FAR EAST.

SYNDICATE FOR TRANSPORTING CHINESE.

Among the passengers by the steamer *Eastern*, which arrived in Merton Bay to-night from Japan, reports the *Sydney Daily Telegraph* of 21st ult. was Mr. R. B. Leven, who, for the past three years, has represented Victoria as Trade Commissioner in China, Japan, Siberia, the Philippine Islands, and the East generally.

Mr. Leven, who has had 15 years' experience in the Orient, stated that since the rise in silver exchange last January business in China, particularly, had been greatly improved and Australian trade—more especially in frozen meat, flour, and foodstuffs, generally, had shown considerable expansion. He describes the financial position in Japan, however, as exceedingly unsatisfactory, and considers that for the present, at any rate, Australia must look to China, Siberia, and the Philippines for the greater part of its Eastern trade.

Apart altogether from the financial depression now existing in Japan, trade with that country is restricted by the high tariff imposed on most goods, with the exception of wool, which is free.

Mr. Leven added that a syndicate had been formed in the Far East for the purpose of transporting into Australia Chinese who would be landed in the north for conveyance to the chief centres of the Commonwealth.

THE DAU NIPPON SUGAR
REFINING COMPANY.

RESIGNATION OF AUDITORS.

At a meeting of the principal shareholders of the Dai Nippon Sugar Refining Company at the Doki Club, Tokyo, on the 8th instant, the auditors of the company reported on the circumstances attending the refusal of the three banks—the Mitsui, Mitai, Bishi, and Daiichi Banks—to advance ¥3,000,000 for the relief of the company, and handed in their resignation as auditors. The meeting agreed to empower a committee to nominate candidates for directors of the company before a special general meeting to be held on the 26th instant. The auditors just resigned will continue to act until their successors have been elected.

CONSUMPTION OF SUGAR IN JAPAN.

The average consumption of sugar in Japan during the three years 1904 to 1906 was 450,000,000 kin per year. Of this quantity 35,000,000 kin was supplied by sugar mills in Japan proper and 12,000,000 kin by Formosa—making a total of 185,000,000 kin. The balance of 265,000,000 kin was supplied by foreign countries. The total amount of crude sugar imported from abroad was actually about 27,000,000 kin, and of refined 16,000,000 kin; 304,000,000 kin was refined in Japan, of which 24,000,000 was re-exported to foreign countries, while 60,000,000 kin was consumed in Japan in a crude state. *Japan Chronicle*.

CHINESE IN SAN FRANCISCO.

FIRST IMPERIAL SCHOOL.

San Francisco, Feb. 12.

The first Imperial Chinese school in America was recently opened in San Francisco, and similar schools are to be opened in Seattle, Portland, Vancouver, B.C., Los Angeles, Chicago and New York. These schools are under the direction of the Imperial Board of Education at Peking.

In addition to Chinese literature and history, science and physical culture will be taught. The local school comprises six class rooms, fitted up with the most modern equipment, and a gymnasium. At the present the attendance is limited to boys, but a department for girls will be added soon.

Classes will be held six days a week, and at night, to give pupils attending the public school a chance to attend the Chinese school. Two hundred boys have already been enrolled. A neat uniform has been prescribed, and the boys are drilled in military tactics.

The school is supported by appropriations from the Board of Education at Peking and contributions by the local merchants. These schools are to be established as a result of a policy adopted by the Peking authorities to prepare young Chinese from this country as teachers in China. Graduates from these schools will be accredited to the Government University at Peking.

LOSITANO ATHLETIC SPO. TS.

LIST OF EVENTS.

We have received a copy of the programme of the Lusitano Athletic Sports to be held at the Race Course on Easter Monday, 12th prox; the first race to start at 2 p.m. sharp. Following is a list of events:—

- 1.—120 YARDS FLAT RACE (Handicap).
- 2.—BOYS' RACE, 220 yards (Handicap). Open to boys from 10 to 15 years of age.
- 3.—BICYCLE RACE, 1 mile (Handicap).
- 4.—120 YARDS FLAT RACE (Challenge Cup).
- 5.—GIRLS' RACE, 100 yards (Handicap). Open to girls under 10 years of age.
- 6.—THREE-LEGGED RACE, 100 yards.
- 7.—BICYCLE RACE, 3 miles (Handicap).
- 8.—HALF-MILE FLAT RACE. Post-Entries. (Open to Sailors, Soldiers and Police).
- 9.—120 YARDS FLAT RACE (Championship). Open to all local Amateur in the Colony, under Rules of the A. A. A.
- 10.—BOYS' RACE, 120 yards (Handicap). Post Entries. Open to boys under 10 years.
- 11.—40 YARDS FLAT RACE (Handicap).
- 12.—SACK RACE, 50 YARDS.
- 13.—120 YARDS FLAT RACE (Handicap). Open to Adults over 30 years.
- 14.—LADIES' NOMINATION.
- 15.—HALF-MILE FLAT RACE (Handicap).
- 16.—TEAM RACE, 220 yards.
- 17.—HURDLE RACE, 120 yards (Handicap).
- 18.—CONSOLATION RACE.

Events 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 open to all gentleman amateurs who are members or visitors of the Club Lusitano, Club Venetio, Catholic Union, Sociadade Philharmonica and Lusitano Recreation Club.

Entrance fee, \$1.00 for events 3, 4, 7, 14; 50 cents for events 1, 6, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17 or \$5.00 for all events—20 cents for event 2.

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, Director of the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 17th at 11.20 a.m. The barometer has fallen quickly in Japan, and rises considerably over Central China and the E. coast.

The depression lying near the Northern Loochoos yesterday, has progressed Eastwards and is situated this morning, between the S.E. coast of Japan and the Bonins.

The area of high pressure remains over the continent to the North of the Yangtze.

Gradients are rather steep along the China coast, and strong N. and N.E. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel and the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.77 inches.

17.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood. N.E. winds, strong; dull, some rain.

18.—Formosa Channel, N.E. winds, strong to a gale.

19.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook, same as No. 17.

20.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan, same as No. 17.

To-day's
Advertisement.

NOTICE.

BY Mutual Agreement between the undersigned, the business heretofore carried on by them at Canton under the style of LEIGH and ORANGE has been determined; all assets thereof will be realized and all debts paid by the undersigned C. B. THOMAS who will in future carry on business as ARCHITECT and CIVIL ENGINEER at Canton aforesaid under his own name.

LEIGH and ORANGE,

C. B. THOMAS,

Hongkong, 17th March, 1909. [272]

NORWEGIAN and GERMAN
FREIGHTERS.

H. A. L. LINDERS DISPLACED.

Norwegian steamers will replace German tonnage now plying out of Portland to Hongkong, via Japan. For this trade the freighters, *Ryga* and *Herules*, have already been fixed for three years and it is understood that the *Sella* is likely to be taken for the same trade. The charters begin next fall.

This announcement is one of the most interesting in Pacific Coast shipping circles in months, and indicates the hold which Norwegian tonnage has on the trade of this coast. Within the past five years, the Norwegians have invaded the Pacific, giving the Germans and British the strongest kind of competition. Almost at every port, both on this side and in the Orient, the Norwegian ensign is to be seen.

Several years ago, the Portland-Asiatic Steamship Company had British steamers chartered for its Oriental trade. These were replaced by the present German vessels of the Hamburg-American line, the *Nicomedia*, *Nymanta* and *Alesia*. Their place is to be taken by the Norwegians.

The *Ryga* has been fixed for three years at approximately \$5,000 a month. The charter of the *Herules* is slightly under this figure. This charter means about 3' shilling deadweight. This rate is higher than prevailing prices, but of a long time charter it is a low figure. Recently, vessels have been taken at as low as 2 shillings, 6 pence, deadweight, but shipping men regard the charters of the Norwegians as exceptionally reasonable considering that within three years freight is likely to take a considerable advance.

Why the Norwegian steamers have been taken to replace the Germans is unknown except that they are new vessels, splendidly adapted for handling freight, and economically operated. Norwegian vessels are, as a rule, in command of good masters, who are not only skilful navigators, but up-to-date business men. It is expected that the *Ryga*, *Herules* and *Sella* will be altered so as to accommodate a few passengers. All of these vessels are known in Seattle.

The *Ryga* is owned by J. Ludw. Mowinkel, of Bergen, a prominent member of the Norwegian parliament. The *Herules* belongs to Jacob Christensen, who also has the *Cecil*, *Matilda* and *Fin*, all of which have loaded on the Sound within the last year.

The *Ryga* registers 2,491 tons net and is at Barrow, England, where she discharged grain from Seattle and Tacoma. The *Sella* is a new vessel of 2,789 tons. She is loading lumber at Portland for Shanghai. The *Herules* measures 2,439 tons net. She was last reported at Valparaiso—Seattle P.O.

SPITTING NOISANCE.

SYDNEY POLICE TAKE ACTION.

Dr. Sinclair, Acting Health Officer of the city, is out after persons who persist in spitting "all over the place," says the *Sydney Evening News*.

For some time past it has become apparent to the doctor that one or two prosecutions and a few mild fines have had little effect in stopping spitting on the footpaths of the city, and the number of complaints recently received went to show that the City Council's officers were unable to be in every spot in the city at the time the nuisance was being committed. Dr. Sinclair was convinced that the bylaw of the council would be practically useless without the assistance of the police. He, therefore, wrote to the Inspector-General of Police, and a reply has now been received from Mr. Garvin, who has promised to assist him in every possible way. The bylaw of the council is to the effect that no person shall spit on any footpath in the city of Sydney under a penalty not exceeding £2. The council officers have no power under the bylaw to detain a man if he should give the wrong name and address. Mr. Garvin has now given instructions that the police are to take the names of persons found offending, and it is well understood that it is a somewhat risky thing to give a wrong name to a constable, who, if he has the slightest doubt about the matter, has the power to detain a person until he is satisfied that the correct particulars have been furnished.

On the 14th ult. a special staff of inspectors were instructed to watch certain principal streets in the city, where a number of men are in the habit of congregating and spitting all day long, in some cases damaging the dresses of ladies as they pass. Dr. Sinclair states that whether a man or woman has tuberculosis or not, he is determined to stamp out the nuisance of continually bespattering the streets. In his opinion, it is the only safe way to assist in preventing the spread of consumption, apart from the sanitary precautions otherwise taken. With regard to spitting in the train, he states that it has become very marked of late. Dr. Sinclair thinks that the conductors are not altogether to blame for the nuisance, is generally committed when their backs are turned. However, on that point there is likely to be a change very soon, as it is stated the Railway Commissioners are about to issue specific instructions to the conductors on the matter, so that each conductor will have authority to call a policeman when an offence has been committed.

Public Companies.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LD.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, King's Buildings, on FRIDAY, the 19th March, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1908.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to 19th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1909. [226]

LUZON SUGAR REFINING CO., LD.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, King's Buildings, on FRIDAY, the 19th March, at 12.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1908.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to 19th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1909. [227]

Intimations.

WANTED.

SITUATION by a Lady as LADY'S COMPANION or GOVERNESS. Does not mind Travelling and undertake care of children on the voyage. Apply to—

J. S. G.,

C/o Hongkong Telegraph.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1909. [238]

COLD STORAGE.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD. have now 40,000 Cubic feet of COLD STORAGE available at EAST POINT. Stores will be Open at 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. daily, Sunday excepted, to receive and deliver perishable goods.

G. K. HAXTON,

Manager.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1909. [50]

THE
CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND
MORTGAGE CO., LD.

(CAPITAL PAID UP) £1,250,000

Loans on Mortgage of House Property, &c.
Goods received on Storage.
Advances made on Merchandise.
Loans made on the Provident System.
(Rates and Particulars on application).

THE OFFICE OF
TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR OF WILLS,
ATTORNEY, &c.,
Undertaken and Executed.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1908. [12]

INTERNATIONAL SLEEPING CAR

and

EXPRESS TRAINS GO

(THE

GREAT TRANS-SIBERIAN ROUTE
TO EUROPE.)

HAVING been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, we shall be pleased to give any information as to rates of passage, &c., in connection with above.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Agents.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1909. [12]

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

FROM and after 1st January, 1909, the rate of Subscription to the *Hongkong Telegraph* (daily and weekly issues

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Supplied by Messrs. E. S. KADOORIE & Co. Corrected to noon; later alterations given under "Commercial Intelligence," page 5.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT	AT WORKING ACCOUNT.	LAST DIVIDEND.	APPROXIMATE RETURN AT PRESENT QUOTATION BASED ON LAST YEAR'S DIV.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.								
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	125,000	\$125	\$125	{ \$1,500,000 \$14,500,000 \$16,000,000	\$2,006,234	{Final of £2 and bonus of 5/- for 1908 @ ex 1/8 = \$26.024	5 1/2 %	{9035 buyers London £86
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	£7	£8	{ £4,000 £10,000	\$10,833	\$2 (London 3/6) for 1903	...	\$51
MARINE INSURANCES.								
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	\$150	\$50	{ \$1,500,000 \$323,757 \$117,990 \$135,000	none	\$14 for 1907	7 1/2 %	\$187 1/2
North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	£15	£5	{ Tls. 150,000 Tls. 303,747 Tls. 118,477 \$3,000,000	Tls. 160,512	Final of 7/6 making 15/- for 1907	5 1/2 %	Tls. 97 1/2 buyers
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	{ \$102,478 \$129,095 \$737,649 \$1,000,000	\$2,506,011	{Final of \$15 making \$45 for 1906 and interim of \$30 for 1907	5 1/2 %	\$830 buyers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$60	{ \$1,000,000 \$199,031 \$85,157 \$1,000,000	\$591,761	\$12 and bonus \$3 for 1906	7 1/2 %	\$210 buyers
FIRE INSURANCES.								
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	0,000	\$100	\$20	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,866,838 \$1,866,838	\$375,341	\$6 and bonus \$2 for 19 7	7 1/2 %	\$107 buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,118,773	\$568,711	\$27 for 19 7	8 1/2 %	\$310 buyers
SHIPPING.								
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	30,000	\$25	\$25	{ \$7,000 \$264,038 \$99,067 \$250,000	\$1,035	\$1 for 1906	...	\$10 sales
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	20,000	\$50	\$50	{ \$507,000 \$79,423 \$12,344 \$10,000	\$20,279	Final of \$12 making \$24 for 1908	8 1/2 %	\$29 1/2 buyers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	{ \$10,000 \$10,000	£13,755	{6/- for 1907 on Preference shares only @ ex 1/9 11/10 = \$5.154	5 1/2 %	{240 buyers \$20 buyers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (Preferred)	60,000	£5	£5	{ Tls. 75,000 Tls. 14,510	Tls. 14,510	Final of Tls. 12 making Tls. 34 for 1908	7 1/2 %	Tls. 45 buyers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (Deferred)	60,000	£5	£5	{ Tls. 75,000 Tls. 14,510	£68,817	Second interim of 1/- for a/c 1908	...	Tls. 50 buyers
Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	100,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 75,000 Tls. 14,510	Tls. 14,510	{5/- for 1907 on Preference shares only @ ex 1/9 11/10 = \$5.154	5 1/2 %	Tls. 45 buyers
Shell Transport and Trading Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$5,000 \$47,221	\$98	{5/- for 1907 on Preference shares only @ ex 1/9 11/10 = \$5.154	5 1/2 %	Tls. 45 buyers
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$5	{ Tls. 10,000 Tls. 14,510	Tls. 14,510	{5/- for 1907 on Preference shares only @ ex 1/9 11/10 = \$5.154	5 1/2 %	Tls. 45 buyers
Taku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 75,000 Tls. 14,510	Tls. 14,510	{5/- for 1907 on Preference shares only @ ex 1/9 11/10 = \$5.154	5 1/2 %	Tls. 45 buyers
REFINERIES.								
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,866,838 \$1,866,838	Dr. \$279,171	\$8 for year ending 31.12.06	...	\$747 1/2 sales
Luxon Sugar Refining Company, Limited	7,000	\$100	\$100	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,866,838 \$1,866,838	Dr. \$135,132	\$3 for year ending 31.12.06	...	\$17
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 100,000	Tls. 9,173	Tls. 34 for year ending 31.12.06	...	Tls. 125
MINING.								
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd.	1,000,000	£1	£1	{ £175,000 £12,289	£12,256	{Final of 1/6 (coupon No. 11) for year end- ing 31.12.08	7 1/2 %	Tls. 18 1/2 buyers
Robt Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited	150,000	£1	£1	{ £175,000 £12,289	Dr. £2,191	{10. 12 of 1/- = 48 cents	...	\$8 1/2 sellers
DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.								
Fenwick (Gen.) & Co., Limited	18,000	\$25	\$25	{ \$10,000 \$10,000	Dr. \$7,411	\$1.75 for year ending 31.12.06	...	\$12
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$10,000 \$10,000	\$20,102	Final of \$12 making \$24 for 1907	...	\$53 sales
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd.	50,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$10,000 \$10,000	\$187,278	Final of \$4 making \$8 for 1908	9 1/2 %	\$86
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 697,457 Tls. 75,000 Tls. 125,000	Tls. 33,742	Interim of 1/- for 6 months ending 31st October, 1908	5 1/2 %	Tls. 88 sales
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Company, Limited	35,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 697,457 Tls. 75,000 Tls. 125,000	Tls. 28,616	Interim of Tls. 4 for account 1908	5 1/2 %	Tls. 175 sales
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.								
Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd.	25,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 25,000 Tls. 45,535	Tls. 6,531	Tls. 6 for 1907	5 1/2 %	Tls. 104 sellers
Astor House Hotel Company, Limited (Shanghai)	30,000	\$25	\$25	{ \$10,000 \$10,000	Dr. £1,230	\$24 for year ending 30.6.07	...	\$17 buyers
Central Stores, Limited	50,125	\$15	\$15	{ \$10,000 \$10,000	\$20,102	Final of \$12 making \$24 for 1907	...	\$53 sales
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	\$50	{ \$10,000 \$10,000	\$20,102	Final of \$12 making \$24 for 1907	...	\$53 sales
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	{ \$10,000 \$10,000	\$20,102	Final of \$12 making \$24 for 1907	...	\$53 sales
Humphreys, Elton & Phipps Company, Limited	150,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$10,000 \$10,000	\$20,102	Final of \$12 making \$24 for 1907	...	\$53 sales
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	6,000	\$50	\$50	{ \$10,000 \$10,000	\$20,102	Final of \$12 making \$24 for 1907	...	\$53 sales
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	75,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 697,457 Tls. 75,000 Tls. 125,000	Tls. 142,404	Final of Tls. 3 and bonus of Tls. 2 making Tls. 8 for 1908	7 1/2 %	Tls. 175 sellers
West Point Building Company, Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	{ Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 697,457 Tls. 75,000 Tls. 125,000	Tls. 142,404	Final of Tls. 3 and bonus of Tls. 2 making Tls. 8 for 1908	7 1/2 %	Tls. 175 sellers
COTTON MILLS.								
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd.	15,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 150,000 Tls. 45,535	Tls. 8,820	Tls. 5 for year ending 31.10.1908	4 1/2 %	Tls. 115 buyers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	125,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$10,000 \$10,000	\$20,102	50 cents for year ending 31.7.08	5 1/2 %	\$91 sellers
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	{ Tls. 175,000 Tls. 45,535	Tls. 8,820	Tls. 5 for year ending 31.10.1908	4 1/2 %	Tls. 115 buyers
Lao-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 697,457 Tls. 75,000 Tls. 125,000	Tls. 142,404	Final of Tls. 3 and bonus of Tls. 2 making Tls. 8 for 1908	7 1/2 %	Tls. 175 sellers
Boy Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	7,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	{ Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 697,457 Tls. 75,000 Tls. 125,000	Tls. 142,404	Final of Tls. 3 and bonus of Tls. 2 making Tls. 8 for 1908	7 1/2 %	Tls. 175 sellers
MISCELLANEOUS.								
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,004	£12 1/2	£12 1/2	{ £1,500 £15,000	£648	1.10 per share or 1907 = \$1.037	10 1/2 %	\$10 sales
China-Borneo Company, Limited	50,000	\$12	\$12	{ £1,500 £15,000	£648	1.10 per share or 1907 = \$1.037	10 1/2 %	\$10 sales
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$12	\$12	{ £1,500 £15,000	£648	1.10 per share or 1907 = \$1.037	10 1/2 %	\$10 sales
China Do. Do. special shares	50,000	\$12	\$12	{ £1,500 £15,000	£648	1.10 per share or 1907 = \$1.037	10 1/2 %	\$10 sales
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ltd.	125,000	\$10	\$10	{ £1,500 £15,000	£648	1.10 per share or 1907 = \$1.037	10 1/2 %	\$10 sales
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$7 1/2	\$6	{ £1,500 £15,000	£648	1.10 per share or 1907 = \$1.037	10 1/2 %	\$10 sales
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	400,000	\$10	\$10	{ £1,500 £15,000	£648	1.10 per share or 1907 = \$1.037	10 1/2 %	\$10 sales
H. Price & Company, Limited	12,000	\$10	\$10	{ £1,500 £15,000	£648	1.10 per share or 1907 = \$1.037	10 1/2 %	\$10 sales
Hall & Holt, Limited	21,000	\$20	\$20	{ £1,500 £15,000	£648	1.10 per share or 1907 = \$1.037	10 1/2 %	\$10 sales
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	{ £1,500 £15,000	£648	1.10 per share or 1907 = \$1.037	10 1/2 %	\$10 sales
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	\$25	{ £1,500 £15,000	£648	1.10 per share or 1907 = \$1.037	10 1/2 %	\$10 sales
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	6,000	\$10	\$10	{ £1,500 £15,000	£648	1.10 per share or 1907 = \$1.037	10 1/2 %	\$10 sales
Maatschappij tot Mijn. Bosch en Landbouw- exploitatie in Langkat, Limited	25,000	Gs. 100	Gs. 100	{ £1,500 £15,000	£648	1.10 per share or 1907 = \$1.037	10 1/2 %	\$10 sales
Peak Tramways Company, Limited	25,000	\$10	\$10	{ £1,500 £15,000	£648	1.10 per share or 1907 = \$1.037	10 1/2 %	\$10 sales
Peak Tramways Company (new)	50,000	\$10	\$10	{ £1,500 £15,000	£648	1.10 per share or 1907 = \$1.037	10 1/2 %	\$10 sales
Philippine Company, Limited	75,000	\$10	\$10	{ £1,500 £15,000	£648	1.10 per share or 1907 = \$1.037	10 1/2 %	\$10 sales
Shanghai Gas Company, Limited	24,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ £1,500 £15,000	£648	1.10 per share or 1907 = \$1.037	10 1/2 %	\$10 sales
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 20	Tls. 20	{ £1,500 £15,000	£648	1.10 per share or 1907 = \$1.037	10 1/2 %	\$10 sales
Shanghai Waterworks Company, Limited	16,850	£20	£20	{ £1,500 £15,000	£648	1.10 per share or 1907 = \$1.037	10 1/2 %	\$10 sales
South China Morning Post, Limited	5,000	\$25	\$25	{ £1,500 £15,000	£648	1.10 per share or 1907 = \$1.037	10 1/2 %	\$10 sales
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$5	\$5	{ £1,500 £15,000	£648	1.10 per share or 1907 = \$1.037	10 1/2 %	\$10 sales
Tientsin Waterworks Company, Limited	3,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ £1,500 £15,000	£648	1.10 per share or 1907 = \$1.037	10 1/2 %	\$10 sales
Valon Waterboat Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	{ £1,500 £15,000	£648	1.10 per share or 1907 = \$1.037	10 1/2 %	\$10 sales
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	{ £1,500 £15,000	£648	1.10 per share or 1907 = \$1.037	10 1/2 %	\$10 sales
Wai-sun (A. S.) & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	\$10	{ £1,500 £15,000	£648	1.10 per share or 1907 = \$1.037	10 1/2 %	\$10 sales
William Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	\$7	{ £1,500 £15,000	£648	1.10 per share or 1907 = \$1.037	10 1/2 %	\$10 sales

* These shares are entitled to half of the profits.

Intimation.

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Auctions.

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(due to arrive here per S.S. "Tydus" on the 25th instant.)

MESSRS. HUGHES & HOUGH have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY,

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A FINE SELECTION OF

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Irish Linen-Double Damask Table Cloths with Serviettes to match, Irish Linen Tray Cloths, Toilet Sets, Supper Cloths, Lady's and Gent's Irish Linen Hemstitched and Embroidered Handkerchiefs, Fine Turkish Towels, All Linen Towels, Bath Towels, Bath Sheets, Irish Tea and Glass Cloths, Fine (White and Cream) Lace Curtains, a fine assortment of Underskirts and Skirts, White-Satin Quilts, Five-o'clock Tea Cloths, Irish Hand Embroidered Bedspreads and Top Sheets, Silk Moirette Underskirts, Longcloth Nightdresses, Nainsook Camisoles, Chemises, All Linen Bed Ticks, Pyjama Suits, Tea Caddy, Cushion Covers, Linen Embroidered Pillow Cases, Pyrenees Jacket, Flannellette Nightdresses and Gowns, Sheets, Robes, &c., &c.

A small quantity of English Tweeds, Serges, &c., in Suit Lengths. (A few lots of Yamatoya (Japanese) Crepe Shirts will also be put up for sale.)

The above Goods will be on View from Monday, the 29th instant, when catalogues may be had on application.

TERMS:-As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1909.

FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION
(To dissolve a Partnership).ON 20th March, at 3 P.M., opposite the City
Hall, the following well-known Race
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Shanghai 1906, Consolation Cup Shanghai
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"EARTHQUAKE"

123, Winner of Pagoda Cup Shanghai 1907,
Champions Amoy 1908, Victoria Stakes Hong-
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TERMS:-As usual.

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Hongkong, 15th March, 1909.

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